Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In October 1956, Arthur A. Kroetch opened the doors of his repair and scrap business, selling his own repairing abilities to the local residents of the Philip community and is now celebrating 50 years in business with the company he started as Scotchman Industries, Inc.; and,

Whereas, Art was drafted by the United States Army and served from November 1950 to November 1952 when he and Eleanor brought their family back to Philip to raise, educate and nurture their children to adulthood; and,

Whereas, Art learned the value of hard work while growing up helping his family and neighbors. Along with the help of many very good employees, he expanded his company to what it is today; a multi-million dollar corporation, an industry leader in its field that manufactures machine tool products and a worldwide sales organization; and,

Whereas, Through Art's diligent work ethic, he was able to take a machine, in its infancy, that revolutionized the cutting, punching and bending of steel in a fraction of the time of normal processes and develop it into a complete line of metal working products; and,

Whereas, Art, through his business, Krofam, Inc./Scotchman Industries, Inc., has provided services internationally and to local customers in the surrounding area for the past 50 years and will celebrate this milestone with an open house on October 5, 2006, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize Art for the many contributions he has made and continues to make for the progress of this state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2006, as

ARTHUR A. KROETCH DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State